

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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For: Methods for Transmitting Closely-Spaced)	
Packets in WLAN Devices and Systems)	
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Director of U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the species restriction in the Office Action dated May 2, 2007, Applicants elect with traverse Embodiment 3 for prosecution (identified by the Examiner as described in pages 23-26, Figs. 10-12). The following claims read on this embodiment: 1-3, 6-12, 15-23, 26-27, 30-31, 34-37, 40-42, 45-47, 50, and 51.

Although an election has been made, Applicant strongly disagrees that there is no generic claim. Every independent claim (1, 11, 21, 30, 40, 46) requires that there cannot be an interframe space (IFS, a period of no data in the signal) between successive protocol data units (PDUs). Claims 1, 11, 21 and 46 claim this directly, while claims 30 and 40 require that the second PDU follow the first PDU on the next symbol boundary, a timing restriction that forces the same requirement. Thus, this requirement of no IFS is in all claims.

The absence of an IFS between the PDUs is the main point of the elected Embodiment 3, but is included in every embodiment. An examination of Figs. 4, 7, 10, 13, and 16 shows an absence of the IFS in every embodiment. Thus, each of the independent claims is a generic claim for each of Embodiments 1-5. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reverse the decision that there is no generic claim for Embodiments 1-5.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this application, he or she is requested to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number shown below as soon as possible. If any fees or credits are found that are not otherwise covered, please charge any insufficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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